

Governor Baldacci's
Task Force on Safer Chemicals in Consumer Products and Services
Wednesday, August 16, 2006 10:00 am
Room 300 Cross Office Building Augusta, Maine

Attendees:

Task Force Members David Littell, Nick Bennett, Mike Belliveau, Dana Graham, Sharon Tisher, Deborah Rice, Kathy Murray, Mindy Davis, Steve Pinette, Stacie Beyer. John Wise (by phone).

Other: Dick Davies, Governors staff, Ginger Jordan-Hillier, DEP staff

Interested Parties: Leanne Diehl/Pierce Atwood, Jane Amero/Pierce Atwood, Stan Eller, Alliance for a Clean and Healthy Maine, Steve Rosario/American Chemistry Council, Jeremy Caron/DAFS

Introductory Remarks:

Dick Davies, Governors staff and David Littell, Chair. Dick also reviewed Task Force expectations;

- Our work is public be prepared that it may be useful to some to take your comments out of context.
- Your individual opinions are valued and respected; we want you to share them that is why we asked you to help us.
- Individual Task Force members do not speak for the task force (with exception of Chair, Co-Chair and Governors staff).
- Task Force reports directly to the governor through their recommendations that may include recommendations for legislation.
- Report of the Task Force will be shared with others and that may include legislature.
- Governor may wish to call on your expertise beyond the expiration of the Task Force (Oct 2007) especially if there is legislative action as an outcome of Task Force recommendations.

Concerns, Goals, Presentations

- Diverse background of task force membership; presentations will build common ground and understanding.
- Presentations should focus on opportunities for task force recommendation that would have biggest impact.
- More narrowly define focus. Presentations will help us do that.
One focus might be voluntary efforts with EPA identified High Production Volume chemicals used in consumer products

Suggested presentation topics, potential speakers, task force member who will contact speaker

1. Current State activities under Executive Order:

Update on progress and are there task force recommendations that could assist or enhance current efforts.

State EPP (Environmentally Preferable Purchasing) **Jeremy Caron/DAFS will contact Betty L., Ginger will contact Peter Cooke**

State IPM (Integrated Pest Management) **Jeremy Caron/DFS and Kathy Murray**

2. Review of TSCA issues/Sharon Tisher (Doesn't this overlap with California report?)

3. Economic development potential

Instate contact **Janet Yancey-Wrona**

Out of state

UMass Green Chemistry program, John Warner /**Mike Belliveau** to contact

Green Chemistry Consortium

4. Occupational Health and Safety; union efforts on chemical safety

SEIU (Service Employees International Union) **Dana Graham** will contact

5. California Report: identification of existing data, safety and technology gaps in existing federal chemical oversight . These gaps align with Task Force duties.

Professor Michael Wilson/ **Mike Belliveau** will contact

6. IPM Institute/very active in consumer education

Dr. Tom Green (expected in state in Nov) **Kathy Murray** will contact

7. Lowell Center for Sustainable Production/ expertise on public policy efforts in other states and EU.

Ken Geiser/ expected to be in state @ Sept 25th . **Sharon Tisher** will contact

Interim report due November 30, 2006.

Possible extension of interim report deadline to Jan 30, 06. Interim report to focus on survey of existing knowledge/efforts and sketch out broad brush next steps

Upcoming meeting/s

Next meeting Monday Sept 11, 2006 1-3PM Location to be determined

Agenda

IPM (20 minutes) Jeremy Caron/DAFS, Kathy Murray Ag

EPP (20 minutes) Jeremy Caron/DAFS will contact Betty L. Ginger will contact Peter Cooke

TSCA review Sharon Tisher 20 minutes

Q&A for above 30 minutes

Discussion and next meetings 30 minutes

Bi monthly meetings on Mon or Wednesday to be scheduled through Nov 06. **Members contacting speakers will try and get back to Ginger by end of August** to facilitate meeting scheduling around speaker availability on presentation topics as noted above.

Meeting rooms to have internet connection if possible

Other Task and Assignments:

Ginger will email Calif, Washington State and Mass info to group. PDF files if possible